



## Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission

Pres. - John Gettinger      V. Pres. – Dave Hacker  
Treasurer – Robert Shepard      Secretary – Dale Brier

**July 11, 2012 1:00 pm**

Louise Jewell's house  
10577E 450N  
Otterbein, IN 47970

### Meeting minutes

#### **Voting Members Present:**

Adams County - Ryan Noblitt  
Allen County - Don Jewell (proxy)  
Carroll County - George Mears  
Cass County - Arin Shaver  
Fountain County - Robert Shepherd  
Gibson County - William Knowles  
Huntington County - Dave Hacker  
Knox County – Phil Cox (proxy)  
Miami County - Kenneth Einselen  
Parke County - Penny Cox  
Posey County – Marianna Weinzapfel (proxy)  
Tippecanoe County – Jim Andrew  
Vermillion County – Larry Southard  
Vigo County – Kara Kish  
Wabash County - Michael Beauchamp  
Warren County - Louise Jewell  
DNR - Dale Brier (alternate)

#### **DNR Staff Present:**

Leah Kopp - DNR Nature Preserves

#### **Guests:**

David McCain  
Sara Peel – Wabash River Enhancement Corp.  
Keith Poole -Wabash County (alternate)  
Keith Ruble – Vigo County (alternate)  
Rae Schnapp - Tippecanoe County (alternate)

#### **Non-Voting Members Present:**

None

#### **Voting Members Absent:**

Sullivan County - John Gettinger  
Wells County - Scott Elzey

#### **Counties not participating**

Jay County

#### **Call to Order, Introductions, Announce proxies, Open Agenda**

Vice President Dave Hacker called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM. After board member introductions, Dave H., asked for proxies, Ron Zartman gave his to Don Jewell, Rama Sobhani gave his to Phil Cox, Ralph Weinzapfel gave his to Mariana Weinzapfel, and Scott Elzey gave his to John Gettinger who was not present at the meeting. Dave H. thanked the Jewells for hosting the meeting and providing a wonderful lunch and he thanked Louise for all of her years of service to the Commission. Keith Ruble then mentioned that everyone should walk around and see the grounds on which the Jewells live. It is an amazing place with all of the plants and flowers.

#### **Comments from Visitors or Guests**

Sara Peel announced that the Wabash Riverfest would be on July 14 & 15 in Lafayette. There will be free pony rides, kid's parade and lots of free ice cream. They will also have races all day long because the river is actually high enough for them to put some canoes on. She also wanted to thank the Commission for their sponsorship of the event. David McCain mentioned that the

next meeting will be in Carroll County, and that his brother Dan is working with George Mears to plan the meeting. There will be a canal boat ride, and a trip out to the Carrollton Bridge.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Bob Shepherd made a motion to approve the May 9 minutes with a second from Larry Southard, motion carried.

### **President's Report**

No report. John Gettinger was absent from the meeting.

### **Finance Report**

Dale announced that at the end of the fiscal year (June 30) that the balance of the Wabash River Heritage Corridor Fund (WRHCF) was \$415,921.48 (see attached report). Dale explained that an \$8000 dedicated indirect cost transfer moved in May. He talked with a member of the DNR finance team and some funds are charged but it is unknown how they are calculated. Dale went on to say the \$8000.00 is not a DNR fee, it taken by The Office of Management and Budget (OMB). More discussion followed as to where that money is going, Dale said he would look into it further. Bob Shepherd passed out another sheet showing what the costs are relative to the revenue. A motion was then made to approve the financial report by Marianna Weinzapfel with a second from Jim Andrew, motion carried.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Budget**

Bob Shepherd then mentioned that because of the tremendous attendance at the March meeting and then New Harmony we have had a lot more expenses for travel, the costs have gone up from the original estimates. There is money in that fund for administrative costs and travel costs, the WRHCC should not need to limit travel. The increased travel costs are also due to very good attendance.

#### **Grants**

DNR grants staff has done site visits in two communities with potential campsites and one potential trail project. Potential projects are in Miami, Huntington, Fountain and Parke counties. Dale said that they have possibly six projects they are looking into and that is a very good sign. Dale contacted the Department of Health and spoke with Mike Mettler, who is a former Wabash Heritage Corridor Commission member. Dale discovered that a campground is defined as ten or more campsites, so if there are nine or fewer campsites it is not regulated by the Department of Health campground rules. Mike confirmed this. This is very good news to the grant program. Rae Schnapp said that BOW was discussing multiple sites in multiple counties and was wondering if it could all be done in one grant application. Dale said that the biggest problem with it is that the criteria are for one applicant on one site, it would be impossible to score a grant like that. Dave Hacker said that maybe when the criteria are set up for the next round this topic could be addressed.

The current grant round \$300,000 and Dale suggested raising it to \$400,000 for this grant round because of the current fund balance. We are only going to have a grant round every other year, he added. Arin Shaver made the motion to up the grant round to \$400,000 with a second from Mariana W., the motion carried.

There was some confusion as to the exact date that the applications were due, was it September 1 or October 1? Dale Brier made a quick phone call to Bob Bronson and confirmed the due date is October 1. Mike Beauchamp then made a motion to have a 30 extension for the deadline and

make applications due November 1. Larry Southard gave the second. Discussion then followed, Dale explained that if we push it back it would interfere with Bob, Susan and Jay's work schedule. Mike B. said he was sympathetic to the people that have to do this but he feels that more time is necessary especially in light of all of the increased funding. Dave H. argued that the Commissioners have known since last year and word should be out already. Dale then commented that this Commission has been pushing the DNR for years to get this grant out and get this money on the ground and now we are so close a delay has been proposed. Mariana W. agreed that the Commission needs to get these projects going and get the money spent soon. Dale stated he does not think that a 30-day extension will bring any more applicants in. Mariana W. asked if anyone had received any requests from possible applicants for more time and nobody had. Dave H. then called for the vote; the motion failed, the grant application deadline will stay October 1.

### **Legislative Report**

No report.

### **Water Trail**

Dale announced that he is still missing updates from many Commission members. He passed out maps that showed all of the DNR access points up and down the Wabash River. It is the new base map. All addition sites meeting the criteria will have to be added. Dale then added he needs them by the next meeting. After discussion, Dave H. asked if everyone was all clear in the fact that if you have not sent Dale a map with the sites in your county that you want on the map that meet the criteria, you will only have DNR sites listed.

Per the previous meeting, Dale spoke with Eric Stallsmith about listing a more detailed water trail map on IndianaOutfitters.com. No prices have yet been negotiated, but he is definitely on board with adding these sites and expanding his Wabash River map. Rae S. then suggested that all access points should be submitted to Dale and then he will give the information to Eric. Rae S. then made a motion to submit to Dale a list of campsites that have signage a managing entity and permission, Arin gave the second. Motion passed. After more discussion, it was decided that the criteria for a campsite would be signage and a managing entity. Campsites should be included in the information given to Dale and it needs to be done by September 1, 2012.

### **Banks of the Wabash**

No report.

### **War of 1812 Bicentennial – 2012 Events**

Ken E. sent emails to everyone about the Bicentennial and went over some of the materials and events taking place. He also had handout with the information available at the meeting.

### **Old Business**

#### **Newport Chemical Depot Land "Re-Use" – status**

No report.

### ***River Currents: Next edition article submission deadline***

As soon as possible is always the deadline you can contact Sue and Ted [Ulrich@msn.com](mailto:Ulrich@msn.com)

### **Indiana Bicentennial in 2016**

No report.

### **River Road and Heritage Community Sign Programs**

No report for Gibson County. Mike B. reported that Wabash County has put signs on six of seven bridges.

### **Bridges and railing**

No report.

### **New Business**

Mike B. stated that he had taken files and signs from Ron James's law office and asked if anyone wanted it. Most of it will go to Dale to be sorted. He also said that Ron is in a lot of pain and is doing a lot of pain management. He wanted Mike B. to pass on that there are many good people on that Commission and that he wishes that he could still be a part of it.

### **River cleanups for 2012**

Ken E. reported there would be another clean up in Peru. Mike B. reported they have 325 people signed up for the July 28 cleanup in which they will do all of Wabash County. They have invited many media to bring attention to the Wabash River. Their website is <http://wabashriverdefenders.org/>.

### **Website**

Dale has been working on the website [www.in.gov/wrhcc](http://www.in.gov/wrhcc). It is updated and it looks great, he commented and Kara agreed. It is much easier to navigate and all the outdated information has been removed. Grant information is on it along with the minutes from previous meetings. Information can be added as needed.

### **Future Meeting Locations**

The September 12 meeting will be held at the Canal Center in Delphi and George Mears will be the host. The Canal Museum will be open. The schedule is as follows:

10 AM trolley ride

11 AM boat tour

12:00 lunch

1:00 PM meeting

The November 14 meeting will be held at the Celery Bog Nature Center and Rae S. will be hosting it.

### **Announcements & General Reminders/Discussion**

None.

### **Other county or special event announcements, Festival dates for next year, etc.**

Chili Fest - September 15 – Wabash

2013 Year of the River Meeting – July 26

Small river cleanup in Lafayette – August 11

BOW Fishing Contest – August 18

### **Final Comments by Commission members, alternates and guests**

Bob S. thought the Celebration of the Wabash was great! The airboat ride was about 9 miles north on the Wabash and he really enjoyed the day.

Larry S. made the motion to adjourn at 2:50 PM with a second from Mike B.

WABASH RIVER HERITAGE CORRIDOR

Fund 48686 Fiscal year 2012

Revenue

431401	AD - Oil and Gas royalty along	184,565.20	184,565.20
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Expenses

510101	Payroll Salaries & Wages	13,231.03	
516003	Payroll Social Security	923.61	
517003	Payroll Perf St Pd Em COntr	389.58	
517005	Payroll PERF State Share	1,116.68	
518105	Anthem CDHP1	302.38	
518107	Anthem CDHP 2	921.33	
518151	Anthem Trad 2	841.59	
518606	Payroll Life Insurance	17.58	
518798	Payroll Delta Dental Trad	106.07	
518800	Anthem Vision	10.69	
518901	Payroll Employee Assistance	2.78	
519006	Payroll Long Term Disability	227.68	
519503	Payroll Def Comp - StateMatch	43.90	
519721	Payroll Health Savings Acct 1	37.71	
519725	Payroll Health Savings Acct 2	50.32	
	Personal Services		18,222.93

541002	Mot Veh Ex - Gasoline	213.01	
546014	Off-Copier Supplies	9.35	
547026	SpOp-Awards & Gifts	256.00	
547046	SpOp-Audio Visual	136.99	
	Materials, Supplies, Parts		615.35

591014	NonRealEstRnt-Meeting Rooms	93.62	
591024	NonRealEstRnt-Vehicle Rentals	97.17	
595110	InState Travel - Mileage	7,319.84	
595120	InState Travel - Per Diem&Meal	1,170.00	
595130	InState Travel - Lodging	2,289.60	
595170	InState Travel - Parking&Tolls	14.00	
599026	AdmOp-Dues & Subscriptions	500.00	
599116	AdmOp-Event Sponsor	2,500.00	
659410	Postage	360.49	
759910	Dedicated Indirect Cost Xfer O	8,000.00	
	Operating Expenses and Travel		22,344.72

	Total Expenses		41,183.00
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Beginning Balance, July 1, 2011	272,539.28
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Revenues to date	184,565.20
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Expenditures to date	(41,830.00)
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Balance in fund, June 30, 2012	415,274.48
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